Vacancies of regular Principals in Navodaya Vidyalayas

671. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that regular posts of principals are lying vacant in Navodaya Vidyalayas since long; and

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant and by when appointments would be made on these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 156 posts of Principals out of 491 posts sanctioned are vacant. Action has been initiated to fill up these posts in the ensuing academic session.

Utilization of education cess

672. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the education cess amount received so far;

(b) the details of utilization of this amount for the purpose of education scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether this amount would be utilized for eradicating illiteracy;

(d) if so, the details of the educational schemes proposed to be launched exclusively for eradicating illiteracy out of this amount; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not utilizing the amount on a massive scale for eradicating illiteracy which is vital for strengthening the Democracy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) The revised estimate for 2004-05 for receipts on account of Education Cess is Rs. 5010 crore as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 of the Ministry of Finance.

(b) After imposition of Education Cess through the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004, additional allocations of Rs. 2000 crore and Rs. 1232 crore have been provided for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Schemes respectively through first Supplementary Estimates 2004-05. Statements showing the grants released to various States under

SSA and MDM during 2004-05 after receiving allocation of first supplementary grants are given in the Statement I and II (see below).

(c) to (e) Education Cess has been imposed to fulfil the commitment of the Government to provide and finance universalised quality basic education to children in the 6-14 years age group. At present there is no proposal to utilise the proceeds of the Education Cess for programmes aimed at eradicating adult illiteracy, for which funds are being provided from normal budgetary resources.

Statement I

First supplementary grants from Ministry of Finance to various States under SSA

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	Amount released for SSA after 14.1.2005
1	Andhra Pradesh	11000.00
2	Assam	5000.00
3	Chhattisgarh	11189.76
4	Gujarat	6200.00
5	Haryana	7500.00
6	Himachal Pradesh	2529.00
7	Jharkhand	8758.57
8	Karnataka	10412.24
9	Madhya Pradesh	19197.92
10	Maharashtra	15000.00
11	Manipur	725.00
12	Nagaland	800.00
13	Orissa	14500.00
14	Punjab	3040.00
15	Rajasthan	12500.00
16	Tamil Nadu	15300.00
17	Tripura	2.40
18	Uttar Pradesh	30000.00
19	Uttaranchal	4731.375
20	West Bengal	15000.00
21	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	65.58
22	Daman & Diu	111.91
23	Lakshadweep	12.03
	Total	**193575.785**

Grants have been booked for Gujarat (62 crore), Madhya Pradesh (109 crore) and Nagaland (8 crore) on 23.2.2005.

Statement II

Cooking Assistance in 2004-05 after allocation of first supplementary grants to various States

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	Amount released by Ministry of Finance
1	Andhra Pradesh	7600.98
2	Arunachal Pradesh	276.96
3	Assam	2310.62
4	Bihar	7081.92
5	Chhattisgarh	3974.28
6	Goa	60.42
7	Gujarat	4804.29
8	Haryana	2174.32
9	Himachal Pradesh	844.96
10	Karnataka	6589.93
11	Kerala	2453.28
12	Madhya Pradesh	13258.92
13	Maharashtra	13995.44
14	Manipur	218.98
15	Meghalaya	543.89
16	Nagaland	246.42
17	Orissa	7356.12
18	Rajasthan	13151.22
19	Tamil Nadu	5819.30
20	Tripura	701.66
21	Uttaranchal	1233.64
22	Uttar Pradesh	17067.44
	Total	**111764.99**